

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, January 19, 1999

The House met at 2 p.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We and all the generations before us have found assurance and strength in the Book of Psalms and so we are bold to pray: We give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever. O let us give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever.

We pray, gracious God, that You would lift our eyes and hearts and minds so that we would see Your steadfast love in all we do. And help us to translate that abiding grace so that we relate to other people with deeds of justice and with hearts of mercy. This is our earnest Prayer. Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the Members who were not sworn in on opening day kindly come to the well of the House and take the oath of office at this time.

Messrs. MOLLOHAN, HOYER, STARK and GALLEGLY appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office in which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 106th Congress.

## SWEARING IN OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER. Will the Sergeant at Arms come to the well of the House and take the oath of office at this time.

The Sergeant at Arms, Wilson Livingood, appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE ELLEN SICKLES JAMES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Ellen Sickles James:

*Martinez, CA, January 7, 1999.*

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On January 6, 1999 you designated me to administer the oath of office to Representative-elect George Miller of the Seventh District of the State of California under House Resolution 12, One Hundred Sixth Congress.

Under such designation, I have the honor to report that on January 7, 1999 at Martinez I administered the oath of office to Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller took the oath prescribed by 5 U.S.C. 3331. I have sent two copies of the oath, signed by Mr. Miller, to the Clerk of the House.

Sincerely,

Judge ELLEN SICKLES JAMES, Ret.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE MARC B. POCHÉ

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Marc B. Poché:

*COURT OF APPEAL,*

*San Francisco, CA, January 8, 1999.*

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On January 6, 1999, you designated me to administer the oath of office to Representative-elect Sam Farr of the Seventeenth District of the State of California under House Resolution 13, One Hundred Sixth Congress.

Under such designation, I have the honor to report that on January 8, 1999, at Carmel, California, I administered the oath of office to Mr. Farr. Mr. Farr took the oath prescribed by 5 U.S.C. section 3331. I have sent two copies of the oath, signed by Mr. Farr, to the Clerk of the House.

Sincerely,

MARC B. POCHÉ.

## PERMISSION FOR MORNING HOUR DEBATES

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that on legislative days of Monday and Tuesday during the first session of the 106th Congress,

the House shall convene 90 minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by order of the House solely for the purpose of conducting "morning-hour debate" (except that on Tuesdays after May 4, 1999, the House shall convene for that purpose one hour earlier than the time otherwise established by order of the House);

the time for morning-hour debate shall be limited to 30 minutes allocated to each party (except that on Tuesdays after May 4, 1999, the time shall be limited to 25 minutes allocated to each party and may not continue beyond 10 minutes before the hour appointed for the resumption of the session of the House); and,

the form of proceeding to morning-hour debate shall be as follows:

the prayer by the Chaplain, the approval of the Journal, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag shall be postponed until resumption of the session of the House;

initial and subsequent recognitions for debate shall alternate between the parties;

recognition shall be conferred by the Speaker only pursuant to lists submitted by the majority leader and the minority leader;

no Member may address the House for longer than 5 minutes (except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip); and

following morning-hour debate, the Chair shall declare a recess pursuant to clause 12 of rule I until the time appointed for the resumption of the session of the House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

## ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1999

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H.